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In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following remarks. A Declaration of Dr. Timothy Jegla under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 is submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 47 and 52 as follows.

Please cancel claims 17, 19, 21, 45, 46, 48 and 53 without prejudice to subsequent revival.

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